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8. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and received from him, with thanks, the book "Water on the Brain" by Compton MacKenzie which was mentioned in the meeting between Representative Nedzi (D., Mich.) and Secretary Packard, DOD. With regard to the conference meeting on the Military Procurement bill, Mr. Blandford noted that although he has not been sitting in on the sessions, the two Committees are still far apart on many of the differences between the House and Senate versions.

Mr. Blandford reviewed the biographic material on the members of the Board of National Estimates and suggested that they might well be stamped official use only to insure that necessary changes could be made in the event of determination that the biographies should be included in the Nedzi Committee report. The biographic sketches were furnished to the Committee as a followup to the meeting at Headquarters with the Nedzi Subcommittee.

9. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. George Berdes, National Security Policy and Scientific Developments Subcommittee staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, and finalized with him the administrative matters relating to Mr. Duckett's, DDS&T, meeting with the Subcommittee scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Thursday, 4 November. Mr. Berdes told me that the only staff personnel other than himself to be present will be Mr. Roy Bullock and Mr. Everett Bierman, of the full Committee staff.

10. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Jim Cline, Counsel, House Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee staff, who told me that the report [REDACTED] has not been written as yet. It should be completed in the next day or so and be transmitted to the House. He told me he will also make the necessary contact with Representative Gross (R., Iowa), the Speaker's office, and the Objector for the majority, before the bill comes up for floor consideration. As for [REDACTED] the relief of [REDACTED] Mr. Cline told me that the hearing is scheduled for [REDACTED] and that the Chairman starts promptly. By the present schedule this bill will be considered some 10 to 15 minutes after the Committee session starts. He suggested a brief presentation which will give the Committee a first-hand reading on the "why" of the Agency recommendation for favorable consideration of this bill. He noted also, in part, that under the rules adopted by Chairman Rodino for the handling of Committee business all matters are now brought before the members of the Subcommittee. Even cases that would be tabled in the past "for lack of merit after investigation" are now presented to the Committee. He noted in closing that details of Agency utilization on benefits would not be necessary. A generalized statement of such matters where appropriate would be sufficient.

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**TO:** Mr. John R. Blandford  
House Armed Services Committee  
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Attached herewith is the biographic material on members of the Board of National Estimates that I discussed with you yesterday afternoon. As we discussed, they have been stamped "For Official Use Only" to preclude inadvertent publication without deletion of certain of the material that has been included solely for the Committee's information.

  
Assistant Legislative Counsel

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BIOGRAPHIC MATERIAL  
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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES

Attached are summary biographies of full-time members of the Board of National Estimates. In addition, the following serve at intervals or on a part-time basis, participating in the work of the office on subjects in which they have a special competence: Llewellyn Thompson, former U.S. Ambassador at Moscow and other posts; Thomas Barger, former President of Aramco and long-time resident of the Middle East; Joseph Strayer, Professor of European History at Princeton University.

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